IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 13, with the following:

In FIG. 2 a low value of an index indicates that the correspondent aspect is highly important while a ~~low~~ high value indicates a low importance. The value of an index is effectively a ranking of the data packets for the corresponding aspect.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 30, with the following:

The use of 12 service classes in this example ~~leads to~~ leads to 6 groups: $\sigma = 2 \ldots 7$.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 6, with the following:

FIG. 5 shows a transmission sequence in which each group has an assigned transmission capacity. The transmission capacity can be assigned according to the Minimum Fair Queuing principle. With Minimum Fair Queuing each group has its own logical queue and out of each logical queue data packets will be fetched until the logical queue is empty or a predetermined maximum of data packets has been fetched from the logical queue, whichever comes first. The predetermined maximum is based on reservations made by protocols such as RSVP. Minimum Fair Queuing prevents starvation, that is assuming that the total reserved capacity is not higher than the available capacity, each logical queue gets at least what ~~it is~~ has reserved. Assuming that there are no data packets in group $\sigma = 3$ to be transmitted, no capacity has been reserved for this group.

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